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SUBJ: CLAIMS/GOLD: PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT

1. PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL DEC 1 IN PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT HUSAK, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS (INCLUDING AMBASSADOR BYRNE) DELIVERED ADDRESS TO FEDERAL ASSEMBLY (CZECHOSLOVAK PARLIAMENT) LAYING OUT PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT IN COMING YEARS. SPEECH COVERED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. IN TOUR D'HORIZON ON RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES US AND FRG WERE ONLY TWO CAPITALIST COUNTRIES SINGLED OUT FOR DETAILED COMMENTS. HE SAID ABOUT RELATIONS WITH US: "AS FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE MASKED BY CERTAIN TENDENCIES THAT ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION OF THE SEVENTIES. ON THE SIDE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THERE IS CONTINUED DISCRIMINATION IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PART OF OUR GOLD TREASURE STOLEN FROM US BY THE NAZIS IS STILL BEING BLOCKED, ALTHOUGH WE ARE A STATE THAT WAS PART OF THE ANTI-HITLER COALITION RIGHT FROM THE START. WE SHOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES WILL FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME THE ARTIFICIALLY ERECTED OBSTACLES AND TO REMOVE THE IMPEDIMENTS BURDENING CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN RELATIONS."

2. SEPTELS WILL DEAL WITH OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM SPEECH.
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